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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, US, VM

SUBJECT: SRV VISIT TO HAWAII CIL

REF: PARIS 20358

1. EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICER SHOULD REPLY TO VIETNAMESE
MESSAGE (REFTEL) AS FOLLOWS:

--WE APPRECIATE VIETNAMESE CONCERN AND CONSEQUENTLY HAVE
DELETED FROM FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT ANY MENTION OF ORIGINAL
TIMEFRAME FOR CIL VISIT;

--IT IS POSSIBLE THAT JOURNALISTS' QUESTIONS FOLLOWING
ANNOUNCEMENT WILL NOT TOUCH ON ORIGINAL TIMEFRAME, IN WHICH
CASE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WILL NOT ALLUDE TO IT;
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--HOWEVER, IF QUESTION IS ASKED ON SUBJECT, SPOKESMAN WILL
HAVE NO CHOICE TO BUT TO CONFIRM IN MATTER OF FACT MANNER
THAT VISIT WAS POSTPONED AT VIETNAMESE REQUEST LAST FEBRUARY.

--IT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE TO TURN QUESTION ASIDE, OR REFUS:
COMMENT, AND INDEED IN THIS CASE ANY ATTEMPT TO DO SO WOULD

IN OUR VIEW OCCASION GREATER CURIOSITY ON PART OF PRESS,

PROBABLY RESULTING IN FAR MORE EMBARRASSMENT THAN SIMPLE
ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

2. EMBOFF MAY WISH TO EXPLAIN TO SRV LIAISON OFFICER HOW
NOON PRESS BRIEFING WORKS, NOTING THAT MOST OF THE JOURNA-
LISTS THERE WHO FOLLOW ASIAN AFFAIRS WILL PROBABLY
REMEMBER CIRCUMSTANCES OF POSTPONEMENT OF CIL VISIT. VANCE

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